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voting.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is passed. LB 578.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 578 on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 1211.) 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is passed. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 101, I have a motion from Senator Bromm. Senator Bromm would move to direct the Clerk to request the Governor to return Legislative Bill 101 to the Legislature for further consideration.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on your motion.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I bring this motion to you, and I ask for your indulgence and your consideration. LB 101 is the biopower bill, which is, basically, a bill which would set up a committee that would be able to receive grants or resources from Nebraska's public utilities and other private or public sources to carry out the demonstration project and study of the use of biomass for generating power and energy. The bill has been around for about three years. Originally, it was introduced by Senator McKenzie, and when she left the Legislature, I carried the bill from that point. It was advanced out of committee last year, didn't have time to pass. It was advanced early out of the committee this year, and we passed it. It was only after reaching the Governor's desk and his Policy Research Office examined the bill and prepared to advise him that...that it was pointed out and realized the bill may fly in the face of what is referred to as the Conway rule. Senator Conway, at one time, was a staff member at Wayne State College, and also a state